

NO. 6
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2009/2010

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

CIVIC OFFICES,
SWINDON

12th February 2010

DEAR COUNCILLOR,

Summons to attend Council Meeting

A MEETING of the Council, which you are requested to attend, is to be held at the CIVIC OFFICES, SWINDON, on Monday, 22 February 2010 at 7.00 p.m..

The business to be transacted will be as follows:-

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 36)
To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th January 2010.
3. **Public Question Time**
See explanatory note below.
4. **Communications**
To receive any communications or letters which the Mayor or Chief Executive may have to bring before the Council.
5. **Standing Order 15 Questions**
Questions (if any) of which notice has been given by Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 15.
6. **Council Budget 2010/11** (Pages 37 - 174)
To approve the Council's Budget for the Financial Year 2010/2011. The Cabinet met on 10th February 2010. The following reports considered at this meeting relate to the Council's Budget, 2010/11.
(i) Special Expenses Within the Non-Parished Areas 2010/2011; (Pages 39 – 58)
(ii) Revenue Budget 2010/2011; (Pages 59 – 102)
(iii) Capital Programme Update 2009/10 to 2011/2012 (Pages 103 – 136)
(iv) The Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Annual Investment Strategy 2010/2011. (Pages 137 – 168)
Minutes 96, 98, 99 and 100 of the Cabinet refer. (Pages 169 – 174)
7. **Council Tax Setting 2010/2011** (Pages 175 - 190)
To set the Council Tax for the Financial Year 2010/2011.

8. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2010/2011 (Pages 191 - 230)

To approve the Council's Housing Revenue Account Budget for the Financial Year 2010/2011. The Cabinet met on 10th February 2010. The Cabinet met on 10th February 2010. The attached report on the Housing Revenue Account – Rents and Charges 2010/2011 was considered at the meeting.

Minute 101 of the Cabinet refers (Pages 229 – 230).

9. Minute for Confirmation (Pages 231 - 232)

(i) References from Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board - Establishment of Children's Trust Board – Minute 102 of the Cabinet.

See related reports in Background Papers (Yellow)

10. Motions - Penhill Bus Service

(a) Councillor David Glaholm will move and Councillor Steve Wakefield will second:

“This Council noting the lack of significant progress made in respect of the resolution of the Council (Minute 42 of the meeting held on 24/09/2009) and recognising the disappointment of parents and others in the Penhill area who feel bewildered as promises were felt to have been made during the consultation process on the provision of the Academy in Pinehurst that the bus service would be improved.

Resolves:-

1. That Officers bring forward costed proposals to increase the frequency of the current No 21 Bus service to half hourly up to 6.00 pm by no later than the Council meeting in April 2010.

2. That officers investigate and bring forward proposals to divert buses down Beech Avenue to service the Academy;

3/. Noting that in the report to the Planning Committee on 10th July 2007, regarding the Pinehurst Academy, Officers proposed in their report the following contributions to Public Transport provision involving increasing the frequency of Bus Service 24, to every 30 minutes between 08.00 - 18.00 (Mon -Sat) = £52,500 and Increasing frequency of Bus Service 10 to hourly between Town Centre, Pinehurst and Haydon Wick 18.00 - 22.30 = £15,000, -the officers also, as soon as practical, introduce an hourly service from 6.00pm to 10.00 pm serving Penhill and the Academy as proposed in the planning permission for the Academy.

(Note Service 10 was reduced from 1/2 hourly to hourly after the planning permission was granted.)”

(b) Councillor Stan Pajak will move and Councillor Dave Woods:

“That this Council will honour its commitment to increase to half hourly the Penhill / Pinehurst bus service between 8am & 6pm from the £52,000 budget already allocated in the report to the Planning Committee of the 10th July 2007.”

11. Motion - Personal Care at Home Bill
Councillor Roderick Bluh will move and Councillor David Renard will second:

“This Council notes the Government’s proposals in the Personal Care at Home Bill to offer free care at home to the people with the highest needs. While this Council welcomes the general principle of enabling people to stay in their own homes as long as possible, this Council is appalled that the Government is proposing to fund only a limited part of the costs and leave the rest to local authorities. For all local councils in England, including Swindon, this is an unfunded commitment of at least £250 million – assuming government has got its sums right - that will have to be made up from higher council tax, redundancies and cuts in other front line services. If the policy is imposed it will add at least £2 million to Swindon Borough Council’s annual expenditure, and, if the Scottish experience is repeated, the actual cost will be far higher. This Council asks that its grave concern about having yet another unfunded mandate imposed on the local authority be communicated by the Leader of the Council to the relevant Minister.”

Yours faithfully

Director of Law and Democratic Services

Questions by Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 11

Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Council (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.